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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
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PROCLAMATION
CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK
NOVEMBER 7-13, 2004

WHEREAS, John Adams wrote, “The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general principles of Christianity.” (Letter to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813); and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson warned, “Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?” (*Notes on the State of Virginia*, 1781); and

WHEREAS, James Madison proclaimed, “And to the same Divine Author of every good and perfect gift we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land.” (Presidential Proclamation, 1815); and

WHEREAS, George Washington exhorted, “We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation which disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.” (“Inaugural Address,” April 30, 1789); and

WHEREAS, commemorating America’s Christian heritage provides an opportunity to thank God for His “blessings of liberty,” to ask His help in reinsuring “domestic tranquility,” and to recognize our national need to reaffirm our “reliance on the protection of divine providence” in keeping America a free and independent nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 7-13, 2004, **CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State